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AFSC CROP INSURANCE OPERATIONS ...

Remember to submit your harvested production report within 15 days of completing harvest. Yield records reported by customers or measured by AFSC are used to establish coverage or generate a claim. A late file fee of \$50 will be charged for reports not returned to the district office by **NOVEMBER 30TH**.

Wildlife and Waterfowl Compensation is available on swathed or standing crops damaged by big game, upland game birds or waterfowl. Any agriculture producer is able to claim compensation for eligible crop losses. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25 per section on land where damage has occurred.

For more information call **BETTE STRASS**
At (780) 963-0600.

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ALBERTA HORTICULTURE CONGRESS AND PRAIRIE WEST TRADE SHOW

WHEN: November 11 - 13, 1999

WHERE: Mayfield Inn, Edmonton

If you are in, or considering getting into, the horticulture industry, this conference is a must! Whether it's flowers, herbs, fruits, vegetables, landscaping, trees or greenhouse; you won't want to miss this top notch event.

For a brochure and registration form, contact our office at (780) 963-6101.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION

AFSC offers many financial products for any stage of your farm business. Ask us about our farm lending services:

- Beginning Farmer Loans
- Vendor Mortgage Plan
- Developing Farmer Loans
- Disaster Assistance/Crop Loss Loans
- Alberta Farm Development Loans
- Specific guarantees
- Farm Income Disaster Program

For more information please contact:

Orest Malysz or Bill Tchir in Stony Plain. Phone: (780) 963-6101.

Other services: AFSC Commercial - innovative financing for businesses in the agrifood and value-added sector. Phone: (780) 415-1216

CALLING ALL FARM DIRECT MARKETERS!

Are you selling your farm products (produce, meat, dairy, honey, processed products, etc.) directly from your farm gate, through a farm store or Farmer's Market? If so, we want to hear from you!

In late November, 1999, we will be holding Focus Groups to look at the obstacles, needs and opportunities of people direct marketing their farm products.

Call us now at (780) 963-6101 to get on the information mailing list of farm direct marketers!

You can find us online on:
Ropin' the Web at:
www.agric.gov.ab.ca

AGRIVENTURE INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGES

AgriVenture is a program organized and run by the International Agricultural Exchange Association. IAEA is a non-profit association which offers a unique opportunity for young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to travel and work in 12 different countries. All the practical aspects of the trip from tickets, work permits and insurance are taken care of for participants.

For more information contact:

Diane Murphy
Promotional Officer
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REGULATORY OPTIONS FOR INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

Since early 1998, Albertans have had the opportunity to participate in discussions on how best to sustainably manage the growing livestock industry in the province. To receive a copy of the discussion paper and questionnaire entitled Regulatory Options For Intensive Livestock Operations contact the Alberta Agriculture office at (780) 963-6101.

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 26 - Alternate Livestock Symposium - Westlock

February 1 - Diversification Options: Alternative Livestock & Special Crops
- Wetaskiwin

February 23 - Agri-Tourism Ventures: Setting up Accomodations on the
Farm - Location to be announced.

March 8 - Diversification Options: The Organic Industry - Westlock

March 23 - The Ins & Outs Of Direct Marketing - Morinville

Marketing Your Agri-Tourism Venture - Date & Location TBA

ALBERTA'S WATER ACT

The Act protects your water supply by providing two clearly defined categories of water use - the use of water for household purposes and the traditional agriculture use. The new category established for the traditional agriculture use under the Act applies to water used for raising animals or applying pesticides to crops up to a volume of 1.375 million gallons of water per year (about 3,835 gallons per day). If you were using water for these purposes on January 1, 1999, you are now able to apply for a registration of traditional agriculture water use. The registration will protect your right to use water by assigning you a priority number "grandfathered" back to the date when the water was first put to use. If you decide not to apply for a registration, you may continue the use of water, but such use will not be protected in case of water shortage.

To obtain a registration, an application must be completed and filed with Alberta Environmental Protection by December 31, 2001.

Information required for the application includes the sources of water supply, the date the water source was first used for raising animals or applying pesticides, and the volume of water being used.

For further information call either:

Alberta Environmental Protection Office (780) 963-6131 or
Alberta Agriculture Food & Rural Development Office:
(780)-963-6101



PAYDAY LOAN

Do you have good cash flow from off-farm employment, but have been unable to save the down payment normally required to purchase land?

If you have a solid credit history, give us a call and we can discuss your financing needs.

PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE FOR DETAILS:
CREDIT ADVISOR, GLEN SVENUNGARD
OR OFFICE ASSISTANT, BEV BADRY.

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